

COMMUNICATION SKILLS PAPER  
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I have had a long and interesting career in the U.S. Army. I have been places and seen things that the average American does not get to see. It has been a goal of mine for many years to join the Defense Attaché System (DAS), and see even more of the world. I have a strong desire to learn about and interact with other world cultures. In fact, although I currently only have an associates degree, my goal is to pursue and attain a Masters Degree in International Relations. Having been previously assigned as an artillery shell fuse tester, I am able to deal with high levels of stress. I am able to walk, talk, and chew gum at the same time, all while blinking one eye and whistling Dixie. My ability to communicate, instruct others, and adapt to unique conditions coupled with the will to succeed would allow me to accomplish any mission. I feel that I would be an asset to the Defense Attaché System.

My family is very enthusiastic and supportive of my decision to apply for Attaché duty. My daughter spends hours poring over a map of the world and asking me what our next assignment may be. My wife is also very excited about the possibility of living overseas and experiencing new cultures firsthand, and is ready to pack at a moment's notice. My son, already fluent in Chinese, Latin, and whale sounds, has started learning 17 other languages in order to better prepare for living overseas in a diplomatic environment. While serving as a recruiter, we were assigned far from normal military support facilities, and we are now quite prepared for the challenges of a remote diplomatic tour. My family members have no special medical or educational needs.

(Include in this letter, any unusual circumstances that apply and describe fully, such as requesting an unaccompanied tour because your spouse will stay behind and run your multi-million business empire, your children are home schooled and do not require that traditional schooling be available in your assignment, your cat suffers from panic attacks at altitudes above 5000 feet, and so on.)

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